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...SOVIET TERRITORY

...1. THE MAY 1 EDITION OF "AFGHAN NEWS", PUBLISHED BY THE POLITICAL
...COMMITTEE OF PROFESSOR BURHANUDDIN RABBIS JAMIAT-I-ISLAMI,
...OFFERS A COMMENTARY ON MUJAHIDEEEN RAIDS INTO THE
...SOVIET UNION. SINCE JAMIAT IS THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE PARTY WITH
...THE LARGEST FOLLOWING AND MOST EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN
...AFGHANISTAN, THE EDITORIAL IS OF SOME INTEREST IN UNDERSTANDING
...MUJAHIDEEEN ATTITUDES TOWARD SUCH ATTACKS. TEXT FOLLOWS.

...2. HEADLINE: CROSS-BORDER OPERATION WHICH THE SOVIETS ADMIT.
...BEGIN TEXT:

...3. IN THE LAST FEW MONTH THE SOVIET NEWS MEDIA HAS ADMITTED
...THAT MUJAHIDEEEN RECENTLY HAVE MADE AT LEAST TWO ATTACKS INSIDE
...THE SOVIET TERRITORY. SUCH ATTACKS HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED
...BY THE MUJAHIDEEEN. LET US SEE WHAT IS THE NATURE OF SUCH
...ATTACKS AND HOW SERIOUS THEY COULD BE FROM THE RESISTANCE
...POINT OF VIEW? AND WHY THE SOVIET MEDIA IS ADMITTING THE
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OCCURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS?

4. ATTACKS LAUNCHED INSIDE THE SOVIET TERRITORY ARE OF A LIMITED
...NATURE. THEY ARE SMALL SCALE AND HAPPEN OCCASIONALLY. WE DO
...NOT KNOW OF ANY MAJOR PLANNED OPERATION AGAINST THE SOVIET
...TERRITORY. THE REASON IS SIMPLE. THE SOVIETS TRY TO GIVE THE
...IMPRESSION THAT THEIR INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN IS AN ACT OF
...SELF-DEFENSE TO PROTECT THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS AGAINST
...IDEOLOGICAL AND DIRECT MILITARY THREATS. EVEN SOME ANALYSTS

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HAVE CONSIDERED THIS FEAR TO BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN THEIR
DECISION TO INVADE AFGHANISTAN.

5. REPETITION OF LARGE SCALE MILITARY OPERATIONS INSIDE THE SOVIET
UNION CAN BE USED TO JUSTIFY THEIR NAKED INVASION. WHILE
THE MUJAHIDEEN HAVE THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES TO CARRY OUT
LARGER ATTACKS INSIDE THE ENEMY TERRITORY, THEY HAVE LIMITED
THEMSELVES TO FIGHTING THE ENEMY INSIDE AFGHANISTAN TO EXPOSE
THE EXPANSIONIST NATURE OF THE SOVIET INVASION. ISOLATED
AND SMALL SCALE ATTACKS INSIDE SOVIET TERRITORY CAN BE THE
WORK OF SOME LOCAL COMMANDERS WHO RESORT TO SUCH ACTIONS
AFTER WATCHING SOVIET ATROCITIES AGAINST THEIR PEOPLE.

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..6. AS FAR AS THE SOVIETS ARE CONCERNED, THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT
..CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS SINCE THEIR INVASION OF 1979. EVEN
..BEFORE THEIR INVASION, SOVIET MILITARY PLANES VERY OFTEN
..CROSSED THE BORDER FOR RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES (THE WRITER
..WAS A WITNESS TO SUCH AN INCURSION IN OCTOBER OF 1979 IN
..BADAKHSHAN PROVINCE).

..7. DURING MAJOR OFFENSIVES, SOVIET BORDER GUARDS CROSS THE
..BORDER TO OPERATE AGAINST THE MUJAHIDEEN, AND COMMANDOS ARE
..AERLIFTED FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OXUS RIVER TO THE BATTLE
..FIELDS IN THE NORTH, NORTH-EAST AND NORTH-WEST PARTS OF THE
..COUNTRY. BOMBING OF THE VILLAGES OF AFGHANS BY PLANES FLOWN
..FROM THE BASES INSIDE THE SOVIET TERRITORY IS A COMMON PRACTICE.
..BORDER PUPPET PDSTS ARE SUPPLIED FROM SOVIET TERRITORY AND
..EVEN THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH HEAVY WEAPONS SUPPORT FIRE. PRISONERS
..TAKEN FROM THE BORDER AREAS IN AFGHANISTAN ARE FLOWN TO THE
..SOVIET UNION AND AFTER INTERROGATION ARE DELIVERED TO THE
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PUPPETS. IT HAS BEEN SEEN THAT DURING THE OPERATIONS SOVIET
SOLDIERS LOAD THEIR HELICOPTERS WITH CAPTURED GOODS AND
EVEN ANIMALS AND TAKE THEM TO THE SOVIET UNION.

8. THE SOVIET NEWS MEDIA DISCLOSES THE ATTACKS ON SOVIET TERRITORY
TO JUSTIFY THEIR MASSACRES AND LARGE SCALE "CIRCLE AND SUPPRESS"
OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH OF AFGHANISTAN. SUCH AN ATTACK WAS
LAUNCHED AGAINST IMAM SAHIB IN QUNDUZ PROVINCE A MONTH AGO WHICH
LEFT A TRAIL OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BEHIND IT.

9. IN SHRT, SOVIETS CRDSS BDRDR DPERATIONS ARE COMMNN AND THOSE OF THE MUJAHIDEEN ARE ISDLATED INCIDENTS. THE SDVIETS TRY TO USE THE ISOLATED INCIDENTS TD JUSTIFY THEIR MASSACRES AND OTHER FORMS OF ATROCITIES.

10. AS FAR AS THE IDEOLDGICAL THREAT TO THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS ARE CONCERNED THE THREAT CDMS FRDM THE SDVIET SYSTEM ITSELF. THE PEOPLE DF THIS AREA WERE MUSLIMS WITH A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE. SDVIETS CRUSHED THEIR CULTURE AND ATTACKED THEIR RELIGION. THE SUPPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SOVIET LEADERS DID NOT ELIMINATED THE LOVE OF ISLAM FROM THE HEARTS OF MUSLIMS. RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, IMPOSITION OF THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AND LACK DF FREEDOM ARE THE COMMNN CAUSES OF DIS-SATISFACTIDN AMONG THE MUSLIMS IN THE SDVIET UNION. THE PROBLEMS OF THIS SDRT HAVE THEIR RDOTS IN THE SDVIET SYSTEM. THE STRUGGLE DF THE PEDPLE DF AFGHANISTAN IS FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND IT DDES NDT HAVE A DIRECT LINK WITH THE SITUATION THERE. IF THIS WAR FOR LIBERATION HAS AN INDIRECT EFFECT DN THE PEDPLE DF CENTRAL ASIA, THE WARLORDS DF THE KREMLIN MUST BE BLAMED FDR IT BECAUSE THEY INVADED AFGHANISTAN AND FDRCED THE PEOPLE DF THAT COUNTRY TD DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST AGGRESSION. END TEXT.

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